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What's New, What's Improved at Riverside

Caring for the extensive and historic Riverside Cemetery and preparing for the reception and honoring of new burials requires endless efforts. The maintenance of the land, monuments, and records is ongoing throughout the year. In addition to regular daily, seasonal, and annual tasks necessary to make this cemetery a dignified resting grounds for people from all walks of life, Riverside is proud to share a quick look at just a few of the special projects completed in 2018, designed to help keep the grounds a beautiful, efficient, and dignified resting place for our loved ones.

The cemetery has announced the opening of Section 37, which is located in the Northeast quadrant of our valley area. After the completion of Section 36 this spring, we were sure to be ready to begin our next natural-style burial area. Just as in similar styled sections, burials in this section do not allow burial vaults. Only biodegradable containers such as wood or pressboard are used. These graves are only sold at an at-need basis and each site selected by the cemetery at the time of burial. The section is designed to be affordable and to provide a more natural setting in which the deceased may be laid to rest.

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With the help of contracted construction professionals, the wooden supports hidden above the ceiling of the Gatehouse porch were replaced while maintaining the classic look of the historic structure that greets visitors entering the cemetery.

HOLIDAY WREATHS & BOUQUETS

NOW AVAILABLE

Wreaths – \$42

5 styles available. Price includes tax, easel-stand & installation

Poinsettia Bouquet – \$30

Price includes tax, cone-shaped vase & installation

Placement in early December. Items will remain on graves until the spring clean-off which starts March 1st.

**WHILE THEY LAST!
SEE ORDER FORM FOR
SELECTION AND DETAILS**

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Spigots connected to the waterlines (some no longer in use) are found throughout the cemetery. Old metal piping has been replaced with age-resistant plastic, and those no longer in use have been capped below ground with their spigots removed.

Cemetery Memorial Symbolism

In a place full of historic monuments, many visitors notice images that appear repeatedly among the sculptures and engravings throughout the cemetery ask about the meaning of the symbols.

Here's a short list of some images often found around cemeteries like Riverside.



DRAPED URN

Symbolizes death, often of an older person.



LAMB

Purity and innocence. The most common symbol found on a child's grave.



FLAME

Represents Eternity.



SHAMROCK

Common for Irish heritage, but may also indicate the luck of a gambler or luck in general.



RINGS

Eternity. Two rings may indicate matrimony. A broken ring may indicate a severed family circle.



HOURGLASS

Passing time and life. On its side an hourglass indicates time stopped for the deceased. If paired with wings, may indicate a short life.



TREE STUMP

Indicates life interrupted. A stump with ivy may represent the head of a family.



RAM

Indicates sacrifice.



FISH

Indicates faith, often used in Christianity



WREATH

Victory, memory, and passage to eternal life.

Different plants represent different meanings, such as laurels for achievement in art, science or athletics.



ARROW

Mortality. A quiver of arrows may indicate a war-like nature.



SWORD CROSSED

Swords may indicate a military career, while crossed swords indicate death in battle.



KEYS

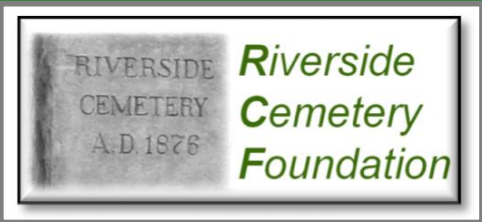
Spiritual knowledge. If held by a saint or angel, indicates the means of entry to heaven.

(Continued from page 1)... Much work was needed to prepare this land for future expansion. Along with the grading of the land itself and the planning of future entry roads, our contractors successfully installed a new catch basin deep below ground and attached to an existing catch basin with an 18 inch sewer main. With the opening of this section, Riverside intends to accommodate several hundred more burial spaces to serve those who may choose this modest, natural setting.

Also this summer, a major rehab project of our Gatehouse porch roof has been completed. The gutters have been improved with an imbedded fabric and epoxy adhesive which will strengthen their seal and extend the life of the 19th Century porch roof, as well as the Romanesque sandstone walls of the castle-like building housing the cemetery office and records. In addition, replacement and reinforcement of the existing woodwork in the ceiling of the porch was necessary to renew the support of the ceiling. The Gatehouse is on the National Registry of Historic Places, so restoration is preferred over replacement whenever permissible.

Riverside also spent this season repairing and relocating waterlines. In its early days, underground lines and spigots were installed to provide families with easy access to water for their plantings and flower pots. You may have noticed roadside digging on your trip into the cemetery grounds. Look in our spring newsletter for a new map of water access on the grounds.

Donations Received 2/17/2018 to 8/31/2018



David Bishara

Bernard & Marian Buckner

In memory of Ruth P. Buckner

Louise Ellenberger

In memory of Robert Ellenberger

David L. Enzman

In memory of Maghale Gamble

John H. Franklin

*In memory of the Lamson and Sessions
Family Members*

Rothacker Family

In Memory of Shirley J. Graff

Grace E. Green

In memory of Baby Boy Green

Gwendolyn Golden

*In memory of
Ruth Campbell & Archie Parker*

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In memory of Thelma & William Haven

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*In memory of Dr. & Mrs. Robert Stecher Sr.
and Robert M. Stecher Jr.*

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*In memory of
John, Barbara, & Michael Kanyok*

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In memory of the Lancaster Family

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*In memory of Henry & Marion Buckholdt,
Ernest & Scott Meade, Frank Road, and
Mathew Mozina*

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Robert Oldenburg

*In memory of the Hohlfelder & Oldenburg
Families*

Teresa & Robert Polk

Mary Lou Prager

*In memory of
Thomas Prager & Virginia Gobel*

Diane & Vince Strazzo

In memory of Mary Fuller

Eric Townsend

*In memory of
the Townsend and Beach Family*

June Travis

*In memory of
John E. & Catherine A. Joplin*

Raymond & Betty White

In memory of Troy Christopher White

Jean Wolske

In memory of Mike Wolske

Your Generous Contributions
Support Our Community Events, Education Programs,
And Historic Preservation Efforts

Thank You!

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Riverside Cemetery
Association invites you
to attend our



**EASTER
SUNRISE
SERVICE**

**SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 2019
6:30 a.m.**

**In the
William R. Halley Chapel
at
Riverside Cemetery**

RIVERSIDE CEMETERY HOURS OF OPERATION & CONTACT INFORMATION

Cemetery Gates

October – March 7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
April – September 7:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Office Hours

8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Monday – Saturday
(Closed Holidays)

Grave Clean-off Dates

(Weather permitting) March 1st & October 15th

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Winter Decorating

Decorating a loved one's gravesite is a comforting way to personalize their memorial and remember them. When winter arrives, decorating graves can become a little more challenging. (We know this about most outdoor Cleveland activities!) During these times of harsh weather, there are a few helpful things you may consider.

Being close to Lake Erie, wind can be strong and items not secured may blow off the grave. Avoiding items like styrofoam can help prevent this. It is also suggested that you attach or mark the name of the person and their identifying location number to your decorations. If you need location numbers, our office will be glad to assist you.



When deciding what to decorate with, you may want to consider the use of bold colors so they contrast well and can be seen against the snow and the grey winter skies. It is also now common to find decorative lighting that renews itself with solar energy, which can add quite a bit cheer to a winter scene. Just remember, no glass items are permitted. Plastic is usually more durable, less expensive, and safer should it break out in the winter elements.

Using upright spray arrangements can be a wise choice as well. They will catch and hold some snow that falls, but it will blow off and melt quicker than ground level arrangements. Plus, on your next visit you can easily shake off the snow and place it right back. Items like wreaths can be sold with stands for display. Riverside also encourages the use of shepherd hooks to hang decorations on, making it easy for decorators to swap items during the changing of seasons while keeping them off the ground.

In any cemetery, please remember to review decoration rules and removal dates (Ours are around March 1st and October 15th. The office will be happy to confirm these each year with you.) Keep in mind, to prevent overcrowding, Riverside asks for a 3-item limit per grave. Items such as glass, porcelain and rocks **will be removed and discarded** for safety reasons. It is recommended also to not decorate with items that are expensive, that can easily be damaged, or that have sentimental value. Those precious ornaments and photos may be better displayed within the home for remembering your loved ones. Our office will help let you know if the items you want to use are acceptable. Happy Decorating!